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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

II. Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for calculating a measure associated with a computer readable medium, said method comprising:

- receiving a request to calculate a measure, said measure associated with one or more requested dimension levels;
- determining at least one allocated dimension level for the measure, the allocated dimension level being one of the one or more requested dimension levels and the allocated dimension level being undefined at a lowest dimension level;
- selecting a first star from a first stargroup associated with the measure, wherein the first star supports ~~[[the]]~~ at least one ~~[[allocated]]~~ allocation dimension level for the measure; ~~[[and]]~~
- selecting a second star from a second stargroup associated with a control measure, wherein the second star supports the one or more requested dimension levels; and
- calculating a value for the measure at the allocated dimension level using data associated with the at least one allocation dimension level supported by the first star and data associated with the one or more requested dimension levels supported by the second star.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein determining at least one allocated dimension level further comprises:

- comparing the requested dimension levels to a lowest level star in the first stargroup; and
- selecting for each requested dimension level, a minimum of the requested dimension level and a corresponding one of one or more dimension levels associated with the star.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

- calculating the measure for the ~~[[allocated]]~~ allocation dimension levels; and
- calculating the control measure for the requested dimension levels.

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Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein determining the allocated dimension levels further comprises:

determining the allocated dimension levels wherein no star exists which supports the measure at the requested dimension levels.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the control measure is a predetermined measure associated with the measure.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium for storing a plurality of instructions for calculating a measure, said plurality of instructions comprising:

receiving a request to calculate a measure, said measure associated with one or more requested dimension levels;

determining at least one allocated dimension level for the measure, the allocated dimension level being one of the one or more requested dimension levels and the allocated dimension level being undefined at a lowest dimension level;

selecting a first star from a first stargroup associated with the measure, wherein the first star supports [[the]] at least one allocation dimension level for the measure; and

selecting a second star from a second stargroup associated with a control measure, wherein the second star supports the one or more requested dimension levels; and calculating a value for the measure at the allocated dimension level using data

associated with the at least one allocation dimension level supported by the first star and data associated with the one or more requested dimension levels supported by the second star.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions comprising determining at least one allocated dimension level further comprises:

comparing the requested dimension levels to a lowest level star in the first stargroup; and selecting for each requested dimension level, a minimum of the requested dimension level and a corresponding one of one or more dimension levels associated with the star.

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The computer readable medium of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions further comprises:

calculating the measure for the ~~[[allocated]]~~ allocation dimension levels; and
calculating the control measure for the requested dimension levels.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions comprising determining the allocated dimension levels further comprises:

determining the allocated dimension levels wherein no star exists which supports the measure at the requested dimension levels.

Claim 10 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 6, wherein the control measure is a predetermined measure associated with the measure.